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ANKARA FOR RSO; FRANKFURT FOR C.O., COMPANY "A"

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT - ANKARA

REF: (A) RSO ANKARA MEMO DATED MARCH 9, 1977, SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR T/O INCREASE IN ANKARA MSG DETACHMENT; (B) RSO ANKARA MEMO DATED JANUARY 19, 1977, SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF USIS OPERATIONS - ANKARA; (C) COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY "A" INSPECTION REPORT DATED 28 OCTOBER 1976

1. REF (A) HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND REVIEWED, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BEFORE A REQUEST FOR INCREASE CAN BE PROCESSED FOR APPROVAL.

2. REF (B) SETS FORTH REQUIREMENT FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL DAYTIME POST WITH AFTER HOURS SHAKEDOWN AND CHAR ESCORT.
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REF (C) REPORTS MARINES PRESENTLY WORKING 33 HOURS PER WEEK. SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORTED CHANGE TO MSG DUTIES SINCE RECEIPT OF REF (C) REPORTED FIGURES MUST BE ACCEPTED AS CORRECT. SINCE THE DESIREABLE STAFFING LEVEL FOR MARINES IS FORTY HOURS (40) PER WEEK, COMPUTATION REVEALS INCREASED REQUIREMENTS CAN BE COVERED SATISFACTOR-ILY BY AN INCREASE OF ONE (1) MSG VICE TWO (2) REQUESTED.

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3. STAFFING A MARINE DETACHMENT AT LESS THAN FORTY (40) HOURS PER WEEK PER MAN PLACES A SEVERE STRAIN ON ALREADY LIMITED RESOURCES AND DOES NOT PERMIT MARINES TO PERFORM AT A LEVEL CONSISTENT WITH THEIR CAPABILITIES.

4. RECOGNIZING THAT THERE MAY BE CONSIDERATIONS OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL MARINES BE REEVALUATED, KEEPING IN MIND THE FORTY (40) HOUR PER WEEK GUIDE, AND THE REQUEST FOR T/O INCREASE RESUBMITTED IF WARRANTED.

5. ANOTHER AREA OF QUESTION IS THE STATED INTENT TO HAVE THE MARINE ON DUTY IN USIS IN CIVILIAN ATTIRE. THE BEST DETERRENT IS THE PRESENCE OF AN ARMED MARINE IN UNIFORM. IF THAT PRESENCE IS NOT NECESSARY THEN THE FUNCTION TO BE PREFORMED WOULD BEST BE LEFT TO LOCAL CIVILIAN POLICE OR CONTRACT GUARDS. UNLESS THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS PROHIBITED THE VISIBLE PRESENCE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, THE MARINE SHOULD BE IN UNIFORM. PLEASE ADVISE OF YOUR INTENT IN THIS MATTER IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFORMATION.

6. RESUBMISSION OF THE T/O REQUEST WILL RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BREAKDOWN OF DUTY HOURS.
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